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For: GLUTATHIONE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR  
USES FOR THE TREATMENT OF VIRAL  
DISEASES

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Examiner: R. T. Niebauer

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is a response to the Office Action of February 5, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The pending claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.